



Minutes

Indigenous Advisory Council

Thursday, November 9

12:30 PM PST – 2:30 PM PST

In-Person Meeting Location

Seattle City Hall 600 4th Ave, Seattle, WA 98104

Room 370

[Instructions for visiting Seattle City Hall \(bus access, parking, & building access\)](#)

Remote Meeting Location

WebEx



Members Present

Councilmember Jay Mills, Megan Castillo, Councilmember Suzanne Sailto, Esther Lucero, and Asia Tail

Members Excused

Vice Chair Donny Stevenson, Councilmember Jeremy Takala, Derrick Belgarde, and Jaci McCormack

Guests: Rachel Banner, Seattle Parks and Recreation

Items

Number	Topic	Time
1	Welcome and Opening Blessing	5 min
2	Approval of the Agenda (November) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approved without changes. Approval of the Minutes (October) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Approved without changes. 	5 min
3	Parks CommUNITY Fund <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rachel Banner presented and discussed on the new Parks CommUNITY Fund. Funded through the 2022 Seattle Parks Levy, the fund will advance park equity through a community-led funding process. Goals are too: 1) expand inclusive access to clean and safe parks that foster health, social wellness, and health environments, 2) close access gaps to quality parks and facilities for frontline communities, and 3) invest in partnerships and transparency with communities. Tribal and urban Native communities in the region are among the definition of “frontline communities”. 2023-2025 will be the pilot years for the fund, including phases on program planning and design, project selection, project implementation, and evaluation and workshop series. This cycle will continue annually for the first two years of the program. Project awards are in two tiers. Tier 1 includes projects <\$150,000 and Tier 2 awards range from \$150,000-\$1.5 million. The 2024-2025 pilot will invest a total \$5.2 million. Frontline community members and organizations will support outreach and engagement efforts, review proposed projects, monitor SPR accountability, and help evaluate the program process. SPR is developing a project idea collection process. Project ideas are vetted by SPR to screen for eligibility and to refine and combine ideas when relevant. Project ideas are reviewed for feasibility and cost estimates, project benefits, and community support. Final selection will include a community selection process with a final recommendation from the Board of Parks and Recreation Commissioners and Superintendent. 	15 min



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SPR would like to work with the IAC to review and advise on project ideas that may intersect with Native communities (i.e. native plant gardens, salmon/clam bake pits, cultural placemaking, etc.) 	
4	<p>Seattle Parks and Recreation Projects</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SPR has received the IAC letter of support for City Hall Park. Application is expected to be submitted by end of 2023. • Community engagement for City Hall Park renovations continue. SPR has initiated Tribal engagement through consultation notices. Urban Native community engagement will feature a collaboration with Chief Seattle Club. Other community members, groups, and businesses in the area are engaged through other efforts. Parks renovations are anticipated to take place summer 2024. • Native plant policy is still under review internally with SPR. • Parks and Open Space Plan is anticipated to be drafted by November 2023. The draft report should be accessible to the IAC for review and feedback. A larger overhaul of the plan will start in 2024. • SPR has completed the first many anticipated updates to park signs to include a Lushootseed place name. 	15 min
5	<p>Culturally Modified Trees</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councilmember Sailto shared an overview of the importance of cedar and culturally modified trees for Snoqualmie tribal members. • IAC members reviewed and discussed a draft letter of support for Council Bill 120670. The bill would create a procedural change in the City’s tree protection ordinance to require the Seattle Department of Construction and Inspections to check archaeological status of an Tier 2 or Tier 3 trees that are part of a tree removal permit request. The bill would also add a definition of a culturally modified tree to the Seattle Municipal Code that aligns with State Revised Code of Washington (RCW). • IAC members voted 5/0 to approve a letter of support for Council Bill 120670. The letter of support will be shared with Seattle City Councilmembers, Mayor’s Office, and key City departmental leaders. 	20 min
6	<p>IAC Governance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IAC members reviewed current governance structure and discussed alternative governance structures including co-chairs, chair/vice-chair, and executive committee. IAC members considered term length, term limits, election vs. rotation, number of members on an executive committee, and scope of authority. • IAC members discussed the importance of rotating leadership rolls to align with the vision of shared leadership and to ensure that younger generations have access to leadership opportunities. 	15 min



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IAC members expressed desire for clear responsibilities for leadership roles. Responsibilities included meeting facilitation, agenda setting, point of contact for City leadership, point of contact for staff liaison, and new member orientation. IAC members expressed interest in executive committee formats and co-chair formats. Consensus for sharing leadership responsibilities among a few members at a time. 	
7	<p>2023-2024 Mid-Biennial Budget Adjustments Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> IAC reviewed and discussed the 2023-2024 Mid-Biennial Budget Adjustments, including the Chair’s Balancing Package and amendments to the Chair’s Balancing Package. Five items with partial impacts to Native communities were identified and discussed. 	15 min
8	<p>Policy Priorities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> IAC member feedback from September 8th meeting was to have more time to take the survey; ensure committees are able to review and offer subject matter expertise; and use committee discussions as a time to review policy analysis of top policy ideas. The majority of committee members were able to meet and discuss policy ideas to identify a subset of items for Draft 1. Draft 1 was reviewed and discussed. IAC members expressed support for identifying policy priorities that will have broad, structural, and systemic impacts for Tribal and urban Native communities. IAC members expressed support for identifying a small set of policy priorities to increase focus and impact for IAC advocacy. IAC members expressed interest in an analysis of the 2024 Seattle City Council membership. 	25 min
8	<p>Member Announcements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Esther shared updates on the Thunderbird Treatment Center relocation and expansion on Vashon Island. The inpatient substance use disorder (SUD) treatment facilities is anticipated to open in 2025 with 65 beds for adults, including pregnant and parenting adults. SIHB intends to begin community meetings throughout 2024 to keep the community informed of the project development. 	5 min
9	<p>Hybrid Public Comment Required public comment period for community members to speak to agenda items</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No requests for public comment on agenda items. Written public comment shared electronically. 	10 min
10	<p>Closing & Next Steps</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> July-September 2023 Quarterly Invoicing is due 10/31/23. 	



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- October-December 2023 Quarterly Invoicing is due 01/15/24.
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